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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: DRAFT NOTE ON BILATERAL AGREEMENT EXTENSION

REFS A) STATE 042647, B) PRAGUE 3653, C) PRAGUE 3612,

D) PRAGUE 3553

1. DURING MARCH 3 CALL ON ZEMLA, DEPUTY HEAD OF MFA'S INTERNATIONAL LAW DEPARTMENT, E/C COUNSELOR DELIVERED DRAFT FIRST PERSON NOTE (PER REF A) RE EXTENSION OF US-CZECHOSLOVAK AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT UNTIL DEC 31, 1978 AND SAID USG HOPES GOC WILL GIVE US DRAFT REPLY FOR TRANSMISSION TO WASHINGTON.

2. ZEMLA APPEARED PLEASED AT TWO-YEAR EXTENSION PERIOD AND NON-PLUSS ED ABOUT NON-COMMITTAL ABOUT REQUES FOR ONWARD PANAM RIGHTS TO SYRIA. HOWEVER, HE WAS VISIBLY DISAPPOINTED THAT OUR DRAFT NOTE MAKES NO MENTION OF GOC'S DEC. 22 REQUEST (REF C) THAT CSA BE ALLOWED TO ISSUE ITS OWN TRANSPORTATION DOCUMENTS IN U.S., OR AT LEAST AGAINST PRE-PAID TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS, IN ACCORD WITH ARTICLE 5 OF DEC. 8 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CSA AND PANAM. IN REPLY TO ZEMLA QUERY ABOUT THIS POINT, E/C COUNSELOR REPLIED THAT WE HAVE NO INDICATION OF USG'S POSITION ON THE REQUEST BUT OFFERED PERSONAL VIEW THAT,

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IF IT WANTS TO, GOC MIGHT RAISE THIS POINT IN ITS DRAFT NOTE OF REPLY. ZEMLA ASKED THAT EMBASSY QUERY DEPARTMENT ON USG ATTITUDE TOWARD THIS "ARTICLE 5 REQUEST" AND REPORT THESE VIEWS TO HIM BY TELEPHONE ASAP. MEANWHILE, ZEMLA INDICATED HE WILL PASS US DRAFT NOTE TO GOC DEPT OF TRANSPORT AND START WORK ON PREPARING DRAFT REPLY.

3. COMMENT: ZEMLA PREVIOUSLY INDICATED GOC MIGHT NOT PRESS TOO HARD FOR "ARTICLE 5 REQUEST". HIS PRESENT CONCERN SEEMS TO FLOW AS MUCH FROM FACT MATTER IS LEFT UNRESOLVED BY US DRAFT NOTE AS IT DOES FROM POSSIBILITY USG IWLL TRY TO REJECT REQUEST.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST WHETHER USG DISPOSED TO GRANT GOC'S "ARTICLE 5 REQUEST" AND WHETHER WE CAN SHARE SUCH INFORMATION WITH ZEMLA.
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